

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS RELEASED

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on January 30th, the Epoch Times revealed a serious threat to American families with the Biden Administration releasing 1,316 criminal illegal aliens in one month according to Zachary Stieber. It is disgusting endangering American families.

"Immigration officials released 521 convicted criminal aliens and 795 with pending criminal charges in December."

"The number of convicted criminal aliens and those with pending charges released rose by 58 percent from the prior month."

"The law explicitly requires that those who cross the border illegally be detained, but the Biden administration clearly doesn't want to detain or deport anyone," according to Ron Kovach, press secretary at the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

"Immigration and Custom Enforcement did not dispute the report but declined to comment."

With masses of illegal alien criminals and hundreds of terrorist watchlist crossings, American families are at a greater risk than ever for mass murderous attacks at home.

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues, moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

### HONORING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKLIN CENTER FOR GLOBAL POLICY EXCHANGE

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important milestone in the history of The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange—the organization turns 45 this year. For those not familiar with the group, the Franklin Center was founded in 1978 and is a nonpartisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to enhancing understanding of important international issues.

Along with its partner organization, The Ripon Society, The Franklin Center holds an international policy conference each year in a foreign capital. Called the TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange, the policy conference brings Republican and Democratic lawmakers together with their legislative counterparts overseas to discuss and learn more about the challenges facing America and her allies around the world.

Closer to home, the Franklin Center and Ripon Society also hold a dinner each year at one of our Nation's Presidential Libraries, where they present Members of Congress with the Roosevelt Leadership Award. This award honors those lawmakers who embody the qualities that Theodore Roosevelt spoke of when he said: "The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly . . . who at best know the triumph of high achievement; and who, at worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly."

Finally, the Franklin Center and Ripon Society hold a bipartisan luncheon at the end of each year to honor the "Unsung Heroes of Capitol Hill"—that is the schedulers and executive assistants who quietly and faithfully work behind the scenes to keep the trains running on time in both the House and the Senate.

In addition to its work with the current generation of world leaders, the Franklin Center seeks to invest in the leaders of future generations by funding a scholarship program at Johns Hopkins University. The scholarship is named after The Honorable Connie Morella, who represented Maryland's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1987 to 2003, and later served as Ambassador to the OECD from 2003 to 2007. A longtime supporter of the Franklin Center, Ambassador Morella currently serves as the Chairwoman Emeritus of the organization.

The Constance A. Morella Scholarship is offered to an undergraduate student at the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins and requires an independent research project that examines some of the most pressing questions in global affairs.

At a time when so many groups and organizations seem to come and go in American politics, the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange has been a fixture for 45 years. I congratulate them on this achievement and wish them all the best in the years ahead.

### RECOGNIZING MS. CARMEN MARTINEZ, OUTSTANDING CITIZEN IN THE 51ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#### HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Carmen Martinez, outstanding healthcare advocate and community member in the 51st Congressional District.

Ms. Martinez is being honored for her long-time commitment to supporting healthcare and public health access. She was one of seven founding "Mothers" of San Ysidro Health, founded by residents in search of medical services for their children.

Ms. Martinez originally established "el Club de las Madres," and in 1969 opened the "casita," the Centro de Salud de la Comunidad, which was a small house with

only 2 rooms and 4 dedicated volunteers. San Ysidro Health, one of San Diego's largest non-profit community health providers, has grown to having a \$50 million budget, 650 employees and 24 medical, dental, counseling and other services. San Ysidro Health has provided care for more than 110,000 patients and has more than 50 clinic and program sites, serving patients who have no insurance and receive Medi-Cal or Medicare.

For her dedication, Mother Carmen Martinez was awarded with Southwestern College's honorary degree. She has been honored in the community for her strength, wisdom, perseverance, courage and love for its people.

Ms. Martinez is being honored as the 51st District Constituent of the Month in September 2022, during Hispanic Heritage Month, as well as, during the month she turns 99 years of age. She is recognized for her work in paving the way to provide greater access and affordable healthcare services for all constituents, and she also continues to inspire the next generation of supporters of healthcare access.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL POLICE CAMERA AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2023

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Representative DONALD S. BEYER, Jr., introduce the Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act of 2023. This bill would require uniformed federal law enforcement officers to wear body cameras and marked federal law enforcement vehicles to have dashboard cameras. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on federal law enforcement officers' training, vehicle pursuits, use of force and interaction with citizens. In the last two Congresses, we introduced virtually identical bills, which were included in the House-passed George Floyd Justice in Policing Act both Congresses.

After the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, the urgency of this bill has become even more apparent. The U.S. Capitol Police tried to stop the mob attack, but since Capitol Police officers do not wear body cameras, we have been forced to rely on social media, cameras in and around the Capitol, body cameras worn by Metropolitan Police Department officers and public reporting to learn what happened. The events at Lafayette Square in 2020, where U.S. Park Police and other federal police officers forcibly removed peaceful protestors so the president could hold a photo op, is another recent example of why our bill is needed.

We first introduced this bill after Bijan Ghaisar was fatally shot on November 17, 2017, in his car by uniformed U.S. Park Police officers in Fairfax County, Virginia, after a vehicle pursuit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Video of this shooting only

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became available through a camera in a Fairfax County Police Department patrol car that was providing backup. Had it not been for that footage, which was recorded and released by that local police department, the public would not have had access to the circumstances surrounding Mr. Ghaisar's death. Moreover, the footage revealed concerns about the Park Police's pursuit and engagement policies.

Body and dashboard cameras for federal law enforcement officers are particularly important for the officers stationed in the nation's capital, where the Park Police and the uniformed division of the U.S. Secret Service have full local police powers. Many other federal law enforcement agencies also have local police powers near their respective agency buildings in the District of Columbia. Cameras can increase transparency for individual interactions with police, strengthen public trust and even deter future criminal behavior. For example, when individuals know that they are being recorded by a dashboard camera, they may be less likely to flee the scene of a traffic accident because they realize that their license plate will be documented. Individuals may also be less likely to attack an officer because the recording may be used as evidence. On the other hand, officers will also be less likely to commit offenses for the same reason. Body and dashboard cameras can also be used to train current and future officers more effectively in best and worst practices.

An increasing number of local police departments, including the Metropolitan Police Department in the District, are using body and dashboard cameras. It is clear that both law enforcement and the public would benefit from federal police departments following suit to increase transparency and maintain public trust.

Last year, President Biden issued an executive order (E.O.) requiring federal law enforcement agencies use body cameras, adopt and publicly post body camera policies and expedite release of video footage to the public following incidents involving serious bodily injury or deaths while an individual is in custody. This is a positive first step. Our bill is necessary, however, because the E.O. is more limited in scope than the bill, including that the E.O. does not require dashboard cameras and the U.S. Capitol Police and Supreme Court Police are not required to use any cameras. Additionally, the executive order can be undone by a future president, whereas this bill would enshrine these rules into law, requiring a future Congress and president acting together through subsequent legislation to overturn them.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SUSAN WILD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 2023*

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to clarify and qualify my vote in support of H.R. 139, SHOW UP Act of 2023.

I reluctantly supported this bill due to the substantial outreach I have received from my constituents regarding the impact of pandemic measures on certain vital government services, particularly the Social Security Adminis-

tration and the Internal Revenue Service. At the same time, I am concerned that, in its current form, H.R. 139, SHOW UP Act of 2023, would cause inadvertent harm to the federal service and the federal workforce.

Had it been made in order, I would have supported a bipartisan amendment to this legislation by my friend and colleague Rep. BRIAN FITZPATRICK (PA-01) to strike Section 2 of the bill. I am deeply concerned with the fact that the bill, as currently written, would override existing agreements that have been collectively bargained in dozens of federal agencies.

It is unacceptable for Congress to set the precedent of circumventing labor negotiations and overriding collective bargaining agreements. I want to be clear: While it is imperative for my constituents to receive urgently needed services in the most effective manner possible, it is equally imperative to protect the hard-won agreements workers have earned through the collective bargaining process.

Over the coming weeks and months, I will continue advocating for a more democratic legislative process in the House of Representatives that allows members of this body to improve deeply flawed legislation such as H.R. 139. I am and will always remain an unwavering voice in support of workers' right to organize and collectively bargain—whether in the public or private sector—and in support of the labor movement.

#### APPRECIATING COLLEEN HOUSE

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 2023*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on December 29, 2022, the Detroit News published the following inspiring obituary for Colleen House, an appreciated political trailblazer for the Michigan Republican Party.

Colleen Mary House, whose unexpected foray into Michigan politics nearly 50 years ago blazed a trail for women lawmakers, died Christmas Eve after a two-year battle with dementia, her family announced Wednesday. She was 70.

House died at her Foggy Bottom home in Washington, D.C., with her husband, John Gizzi, the senior White House correspondent for Newsmax, at her side.

"Colleen left my life as she entered it—with a warm smile, dancing eyes, and unconditional love," Gizzi wrote in a tribute sent to The Detroit News.

At age 22, she became the youngest woman to serve in Michigan Legislature. But she almost followed a different path.

After graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in political science in 1973, House wanted to follow in her older sister's footsteps as a flight attendant with Pan Am, according to Gizzi. But the airline cut back on international flights amid the energy crisis, prompting House to volunteer on a Republican campaign for Congress in a special election in her hometown of Bay City.

Democratic State Rep. Bob Traxler won the election to fill the seat vacated by the Republican James Harvey, who had been appointed a federal judge.

House then won Traxler's seat with help from future Michigan Gov. John Engler, who at the time was a state representative, The News reported.

It was considered an upset victory in then-Democratic Bay County.

House was also the first Republican to hold the seat in more than 20 years, according to her obituary.

The rising political star was scheduled to be featured on a national Republican telethon hosted by then-Republican National Chairman George H.W. Bush. However, the event was canceled at the last minute after President Nixon resigned from office in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal.

In 1974, House was re-elected, and the following April she wed Engler.

They were the only husband-wife team in the Legislature, according to The News' archives. The couple divorced in 1988.

After House lost re-election in 1976, she moved to Ingham County. From 1977-78 she served as director of public affairs for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Her connection to Bush led to a role helping to run his presidential campaign in the Michigan primary where Bush defeated frontrunner Ronald Reagan. His Michigan victory helped keep him in the political conversation, eventually leading to Reagan tapping him as his vice president.

House would eventually go on to work in the 41st U.S. president's administrations as director of intergovernmental affairs at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Before moving to Washington, House had also returned to the state legislature, representing Isabella and Mecosta Counties in 1982 and was reelected in 1984, according to the Library of Michigan.

In 1986, she was the first woman to run for governor of Michigan but lost the primary.

At the time, The News reported, Public Sector Consultants, a Lansing thinktank, called her "one of the most dynamic speakers among the Republican candidates, and she projects a very firm grasp of the state issues (but) has been unable to raise the money to publicize her positions."

She ran with GOP nominee Bill Lucas as a candidate for lieutenant governor, but their ticket was defeated by incumbent Gov. Jim Blanchard.

After her stint in the Bush administration, House spent nearly a quarter-century working with the International Republican Institute, which she joined in 1993.

House long was active at St. Matthews Cathedral in Washington, D.C., where she was a lector at Masses, trained other parishioners to read portions of the Mass and served as a pontifical lector, relatives said.

Besides her husband, other survivors include a sister, Anne House Quinn; three nieces, Bridget House, Kathleen Quinn and Elizabeth Quinn; three nephews, George H. McElory, Dr. Jude McElory and James Quinn; and brothers-in-law T. Anthony Quinn, Charles J. Rhodes and Michael Kusisto.

A funeral is scheduled to be held Feb. 18 at St. Matthews Cathedral.

Memorials can be made to St. Matthew's Cathedral, the Fraternal Order of St. Peter or the American Hospice Association.

#### CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

#### HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 2023*

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise today to celebrate Black History Month and its 2023 theme—Black Resistance. This year's theme reflects on the importance and significance of opposition to ongoing systematic injustice and